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Dear Sir:

This response addresses the Election/Restriction requirement dated May 6, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application. Applicants elect, with traverse, to proceed with claims of Species A as identified by the Election/Restriction requirement. Applicants believe that at least claims 22-24, 29, 30, 32-34, 39 and 40 read on the species identified above.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, the Examiner is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

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